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In re patent application of first named inventor: Albert C. West

Application No.: 10/611,581

Examiner: unk.

Filing Date: June 30, 2003

Group No.: unk.

For: Artificial Stone Material And Method Of Manufacture Thereof

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**PETITION TO CORRECT CORRESPONDENCE FILING DATE FOR
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This is a petition to accord United States Patent Application No. 10/611,581 (the correspondence) a filing date of 06/30/2003, which is the date the correspondence was deposited with the U.S.P.S. with proper postage.

Facts

The following facts relate to the present petition to accord the correspondence a filing date of 06/30/2003:

- United States Application No. 10/611,581 was labeled as Express Mail Post Office To Addressee Service with Express Mail Label No. EV 283595274 US.
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- A filing receipt, mailed September 26, 2003, was received which accorded a filing date of July 1, 2003 to United States Application No. 10/611,581. See Exhibit A.

Points of Regulation

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Basis For Request To Correct Correspondence Filing Date

The discrepancy in the filing date of application no. 10/611,581 was discovered upon receipt of the Filing Receipt mailed from the USPTO on September 26, 2003 and this petition is being filed promptly thereafter.

Applicant encloses true copies of the following documents:

1. A true copy of the first page of the Application Transmittal Letter. This copy shows the mailing date of June 30, 2003 and the Express Mail Label No. EV 283595274 US placed on this document prior to mailing. See Exhibit B.
2. A true copy of the specification first page for application no. 10/611,581 showing Express Mail Label No. EV 283595274 US in the lower left corner. See Exhibit C.



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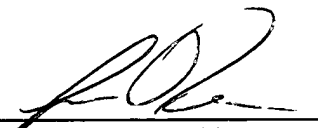
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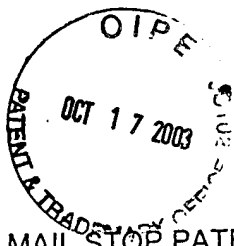
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the ☒ Utility ☐ Design patent application of:

Inventors: ALBERT C. WEST
For: ARTIFICIAL STONE MATERIAL AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE THEREOF

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 18 Sheets Of Specification
- ☐ 0 Sheet(s) Containing _____ ☐ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☒ A Return Receipt Postcard.
- ☐ An Assignment Of The Invention (Signed/Unsigned)
- ☐ A Certified Copy Of A Priority Document, Application No.
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- ☒ A Request For Non-Publication Of Application - Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i) is attached.

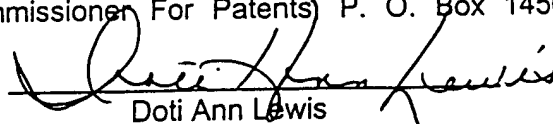
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ARTIFICIAL STONE MATERIAL AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF

Field of the Invention

- 5 This invention relates generally to a manmade material having an improved stone like appearance and comprising polymers. The artificial stone material can have a density of less than 1 g/cc.

Background of the Invention

- 10 Stone is considered a very desirable building material for its aesthetics. However, despite the desirable appeal of natural stone its use is limited by certain of its properties. In particular, natural stones are very dense, hard and have high specific gravity. Thus, stone materials are difficult to fabricate, difficult to use other than by the traditional lay up methods and require substantial structures to support the weight of the
- 15 stone fabrication. Some properties for natural stone materials are summarized in Table 1 below:

	TABLE 1	
material	specific gravity	density (lb/ft ³)
bluestone	2.5 - 2.6	159
granite	2.6 - 2.7	165
marble	2.6 - 2.9	170
sandstone	2.0 - 2.6	143
slate	2.6 - 2.9	172
cement ¹	1.5 - 2.4	100 - 144

¹ The specific gravity and density of cement materials will depend on the filler materials used.

- 20 In an effort to maintain the aesthetics appeal of natural stone products while overcoming some of their problems, various polymer-based solid surface materials have been produced. One example of such solid surface material is CORIAN, available from DuPont de NEMOURS and Company. These solid surface materials are easier to fabricate than natural stone products. Unfortunately, solid surface materials are

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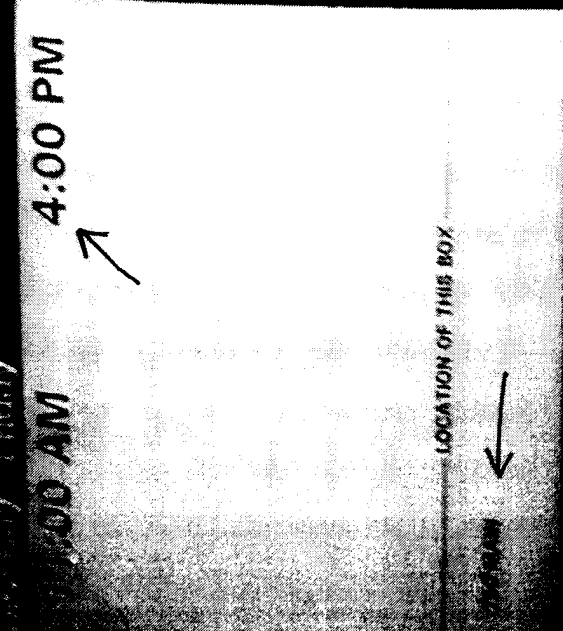
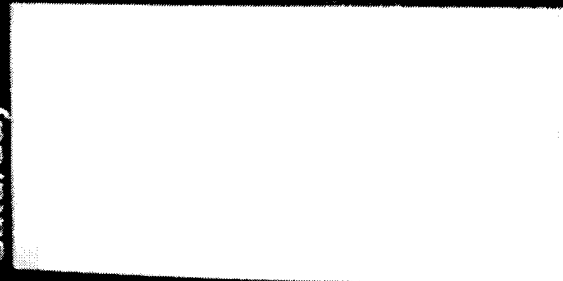
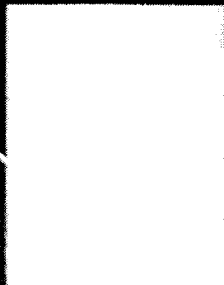


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